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1. On 5 November 1950 a small Soviet motorboat [] was moored at the eastern mole in Warnemünde harbor. The boat carried an anti-aircraft cannon of about 20-millimeter calibre, mounted at the stern.(1)
2. On 17 November 1950 the former German minesweeper [] arrived at Warnemünde from Hendebocken. The vessel was equipped with minesweeping gear, and armed with one cannon fore and two aft, calibre about 5 centimeters. The deck is armor-plated.(2) The [] left Warnemünde on 18 November, returned on 22 November, left again on 24 November.
3. On 25 November the former German vessels [] arrived in Warnemünde with crews made up of Seepolizei personnel. At 9:00 A.M. on 26 November the [] left Warnemünde accompanied by the former German []
An hour later the [] left Warnemünde, joining the [] boats three or four sea-miles off Warnemünde, whereupon the five vessels proceeded in a north-easterly direction. As of 29 November none had returned to Warnemünde.
4. On 27 and 28 November the sound of firing practice at sea was heard in Warnemünde. The guns used were of light calibre.(3)
5. On 19 November 1950 the steamer MARIA was towed out of Warnemünde, enroute to Leningrad.
6. A destroyer of the SILNI class arrived at Warnemünde on 22 November and left on 23 November. The ship was not armed []
On 29 November another ship of the same type, also [] unarmed, arrived at Warnemünde.(4)
7. A supply ship for speed-boats has been on the river near Warnemünde for some time. On 20 November the ship was towed to Neptun Pier at Rostock for general inspection.(5)

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- (1) Probably customs boat . 50X1-HUM
- (2) The cannon on the [] is 10.5-centimeter, not 5 as stated above. Such armament is not normally used on Soviet vessels of this type, and its use on the [] may be an experiment. The accuracy of the statement concerning deck armor is doubted. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The vessels involved may have been the [] and the four R-boats discussed above. 50X1-HUM
- (4) Test runs of the two SILNI destroyers from Rostock.
- (5) Presumably the salvage vessel HAWYEV.

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